

Application for Permission to study VCE Units 1 and 2 subject

Due in: 8.30 am on Monday 31 July 2017 with appropriate documentation to Middle School Curriculum office

For most students, focus on their Year 10 subjects will provide sounder foundation for success in Year 11 and Year 12. A minority of Carey students study a Year 11 subject while in Year 10.

Students who wish to undertake one study out of their year level must either be studying an acceleration unit in Year 9, which continues into Year 10, or apply to study a VCE study. Decisions will be based on whether students have performed at a consistently high level in all subjects, NAPLAN and other testing which may be available. As a guide, students need to achieve results which place them in the top 20% of students in each measure.

It is not in a student's best interest to study an advanced level subject unless they are able to perform to a high standard in that, and all their other subjects. Year 10 students studying a Year 11 VCE subject miss two blocks of six consecutive days of Year 11 classes during Year 10 Camp and Enrichment programs. This may impact on student progress during these times.

In some subjects it is also possible to study a Unit 3 and 4 in Year 11 without having studied the subject at Unit 1 and 2 level.

Who needs to fill out this form?

You need to fill out this form if you wish to study a VCE Unit 1 and 2 **other than:**

- Mathematical Methods, where you have been enrolled in the Year 9 Accelerated Mathematics class in 2017
- a LOTE, where you will have completed Year 10 LOTE in 2017



Why make an application?

Year 9 is a year in which some important decisions are made which affect your future, so it is vital that you choose a course that interests you and is suitable for your stage of development as well as meeting your future needs. When students decide that they would like to undertake an accelerated course it is very important that we look carefully at their past achievements and decide whether this is really in their best interests. Applicants should also consider where this pathway will lead their Senior School studies.

What you need to do

1. Understand that the quality and quantity of work will be set at Year 11 level. Check to see if you meet the following criteria (if you don't you should not be completing this application):
 - **results across all areas of an 'A' standard.** Students studying Literacy Consolidation or Mathematics Consolidation should meet with the Middle School Deputy Head – Student Learning (Ms Plaisted) or Senior School Deputy Head – Student Learning (Mr Young) before deciding to submit an application
 - demonstrated strengths in the subject area of the proposed VCE unit of study
 - motivation and strong organisational skills.
2. If you meet these criteria, you then need to complete the application form overleaf.
3. You must also complete the Subject Selection Planning Sheet to show that you have thought about the impact on your Year 11 and 12 studies. Students who complete one Year 12 level subject in Year 11 are still required to study five subjects in Year 12.

4. Ensure that **copies** (not originals) of **all** your Semester 1 Reports are attached. **Your application will not be considered if it is incomplete – this is your responsibility.**
5. Deliver your application (together with supporting documentation) to the Middle School Deputy Head – Student Learning, Ms Plaisted, **by 8.30am on Monday 31 July 2017.**

What happens once your application is lodged?

Your application will be considered at a meeting attended by the Middle School Deputy Head – Student Learning (Ms Plaisted) and the Senior School Curriculum Co-ordinators. The relevant Leader of Learning and your current teachers may also be asked for feedback on your past performance and suitability for acceleration.

You will be advised whether your application has been successful after the due date for submission of your Subject Selection Form (Thursday 3 August).

Units 1 & 2 Subjects available for acceleration in the VCE

- Australian and Global Politics
- Accounting
- Biology
- Business Management
- Chemistry
- Computing
- Economics
- Geography
- Health and Human Development
- History: Ancient and Modern

- Legal Studies
- Music
- Philosophy
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Psychology
- Theatre Studies

Subject offerings vary due to student selections.

It is not possible to accelerate any English Learning Area subject.

Other subjects by negotiation (please contact the relevant Leader of Learning before submitting your application).

Year 10 – Subject Selection Planning Sheet

Select 14 Semester Units in Total

Year 10 Subjects	Year 11 Subjects VCE or IB	Year 12 Subjects VCE or IB	Tertiary Course Ideas	Career interest
COMPULSORY English (2 units) Humanities* (1 unit) _____ Mathematics (2 units) _____ Physical Education (1 unit) Religious Studies (1 unit) Science# (2 of Applied Science, Biology, Chemistry & Physics) 1 unit per selection) 1. _____ 2. _____				
SUBJECT SELECTIONS Year Long Elective/s (2 units) LOTE _____ and/or Acceleration VCE subject _____ and Year 10 semester electives (1 unit per selection) to total 14 units (1 - 5 to be selected) 1. * _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ *Humanities: students may include additional Humanities units as electives #Science: students may include Applied Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Psychology as a third elective (students may not study four Science units)				
<p>A copy of this planning sheet is to be submitted with your printed Web Preferences subject selection receipt. The planner is only a guide to possible future study, but will help us review your Year 10 subject choices.</p>				

APPLICATION FORM - VCE UNITS 1 AND 2 STUDY

All sections of this form must be completed in your own handwriting before it is submitted or considered.

Name: _____ House: _____ Mentor: _____

Name of VCE subject you wish to undertake: _____

Why do you want to undertake this subject:

What do you believe are your strengths that would enable you to succeed in this particular subject?

Explain how you believe you meet the required criteria?

Please nominate two Year 10 semester electives which you would prefer **NOT** to study if your application is successful.

Note: to be considered, you must attach copies (not original documents) of ALL of your Year 9 Semester 1 reports and a completed subject selection planning sheet. You may also attach other supporting documentation, for example copies of awards, to support your application.

A Year 10 student who is accelerating a Year 11 science, will study at least one semester of Year 10 science, but not in the area they are accelerating.

Students accelerating a Year 11 Chemistry or Physics should be studying Year 10 Mathematics A.

I have discussed this application with my Mentor.

Signed: _____ (Student signature)

Date: _____

Mentor Name: _____